THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected from the State Governments/UTs and will be laid on the Table of the House on receipt.

ITDC Hotels running in loss

991. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the I. T. D C. hotels which are running in loss for the last three years;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to make them viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Out of 24 ITDC hotels, 8 hotels have been incurring loss continuously for the last three years.

(b) The main reason for loss in some of these hotels has been because of creation of surplus hotel capacity in certain cities The location of some hotels was decided for purely promotional reasons. One of these hotels is within its gestation period.

(c) ITDC has taken various remedial measures to improve the performance of its hotels. These include entering into Marketing and Reservation tie-ups with overseas airlines and travel agents, introduction of special package programme for promoting domestic tourism, and by participation in world travel trade forums.

Safety of the workers of the Atomic Power Stations against exposure to Radiation

902. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be plesed to state:

(a) whether adequate provision for the safety of the workers against exposure to radiation in different atomic power stations exists;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total number of workers employed in the atomic power stations.

(d) whether any of the workers had to lose his job as a result of the exposure during the last three years; and

(e) what amount of compensation is payable to the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) For the purpose of controlling radiation exposure of personnel and also release of radio-activity in the environment, comprehensive measures for protecting both the plant, personnel and the environment are built into the plant designs and during operation of the Plant. In addition, the following practices are used which are consistent with the practices used internationally, under the recommendation of the International Commission on Radiological Protection:—

(i) The extent to which the workers in the power stations are exposed to radiation is continually monitored and a complete record thereof is maintained.

(ii) All operational and maintenance activities are so planned that radiation exposure of workers is kept to the minimum.

(iii) The radiation control meaures are supervised by the Health Physics Unit which works independently of the station management.

(iv) All workers employed in the power station and engaged in radiation work are subjected to periodical medical check-ups.